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ANY WORD FROM HQ?
NOTHING. WE'RE TO STAY PUT WHILE THEY FIGURE OUT HOW TO STOP THOSE ROBOT MASTERS.
AFTER THAT RAMPAGE? I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING THAT CAN STOP THEM...OR THIS DR. WILY GUY.*
B-WOO-WIP!
YEAH, WE'D NEED A MIRACLE--WHAT WAS THAT?!
THE TELEPORTER WORKS, DR. LIGHT. I'M DOWNTOWN ALREADY.
*LAST ISSUE!
OH, MAN! IT'S ANOTHER ONE!
SHHH! IT HASN'T SEEN US YET!
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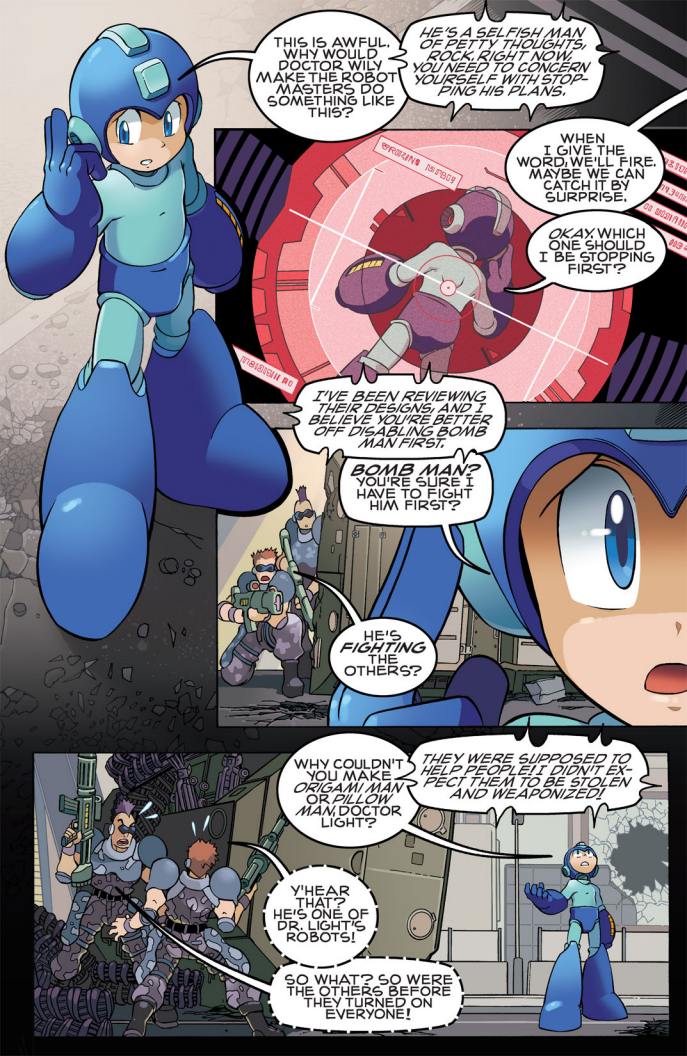
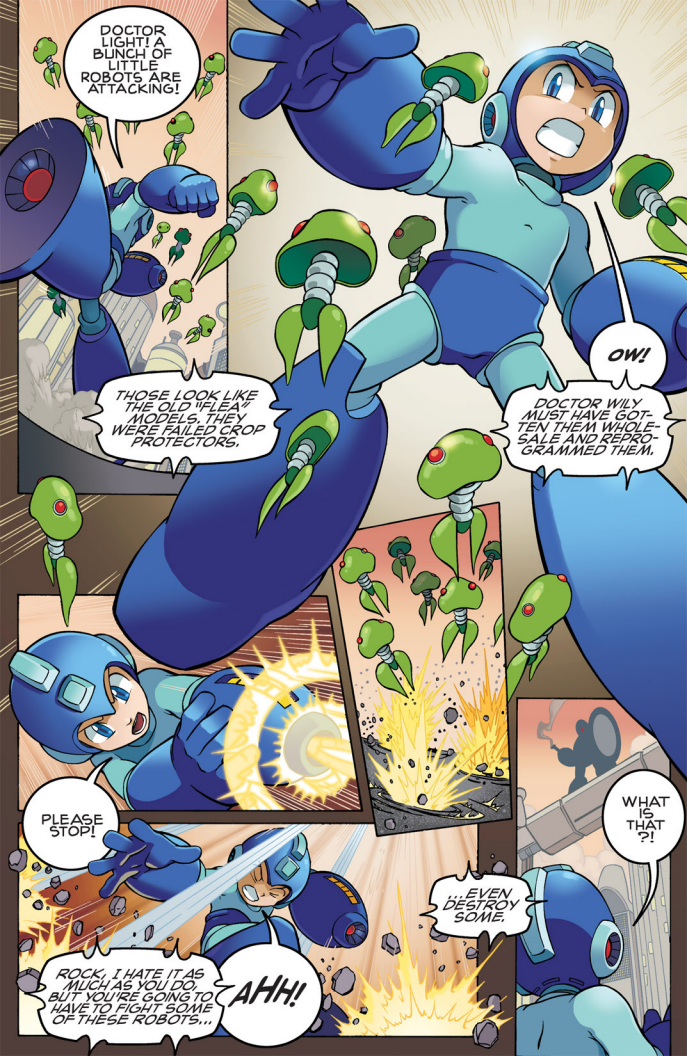

THIS IS AWFUL. WHY WOULD DOCTOR WILY MAKE THE ROBOT MASTERS DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
HE'S A SELFISH MAN OF PETTY THOUGHTS, ROCK. RIGHT NOW, YOU NEED TO CONCERN YOURSELF WITH STOPPING HIS PLANS.
WHEN I GIVE THE WORD, WE'LL FIRE. MAYBE WE CAN CATCH IT BY SURPRISE.
OKAY. WHICH ONE SHOULD I BE STOPPING FIRST?
I'VE BEEN REVIEWING THEIR DESIGNS, AND I BELIEVE YOU'RE BETTER OFF DISABLING BOMB MAN FIRST.
BOMB MAN? YOU'RE SURE I HAVE TO FIGHT HIM FIRST?
HE'S FIGHTING THE OTHERS?
WHY COULDN'T YOU MAKE ORIGAMI MAN OR PILLOW MAN DOCTOR LIGHT?
THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO HELP PEOPLE! I DIDN'T EXPECT THEM TO BE STOLEN AND WEAPONIZED!
Y'HEAR THAT? HE'S ONE OF DR. LIGHT'S ROBOTS!
SO WHAT? SO WERE THE OTHERS BEFORE THEY TURNED ON EVERYONE!

I KNOW. I'M SORRY, I DON'T MEAN TO COMPLAIN. I'M JUST NERVOUS.
I UNDERSTAND. THIS WILL BE HARD FOR YOU, ROCK. I'LL BE ONLINE TO SUPPORT YOU!
YOU HEARD HIM! HE'S GOING TO FIGHT THAT ROBOT MASTER FOR US!
MAYBE YOU MISHEARD! MAYBE IT'S ALL A CUNNING TRAP!
THANKS, DOCTOR LIGHT.
?
HELLO!
AAAH!
SORRY TO STARTLE YOU! BUT DON'T WORRY! I'M HERE TO HELP SAVE EVERYONE.
IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I'D BETTER GET GOING. HAVE A GOOD DAY!

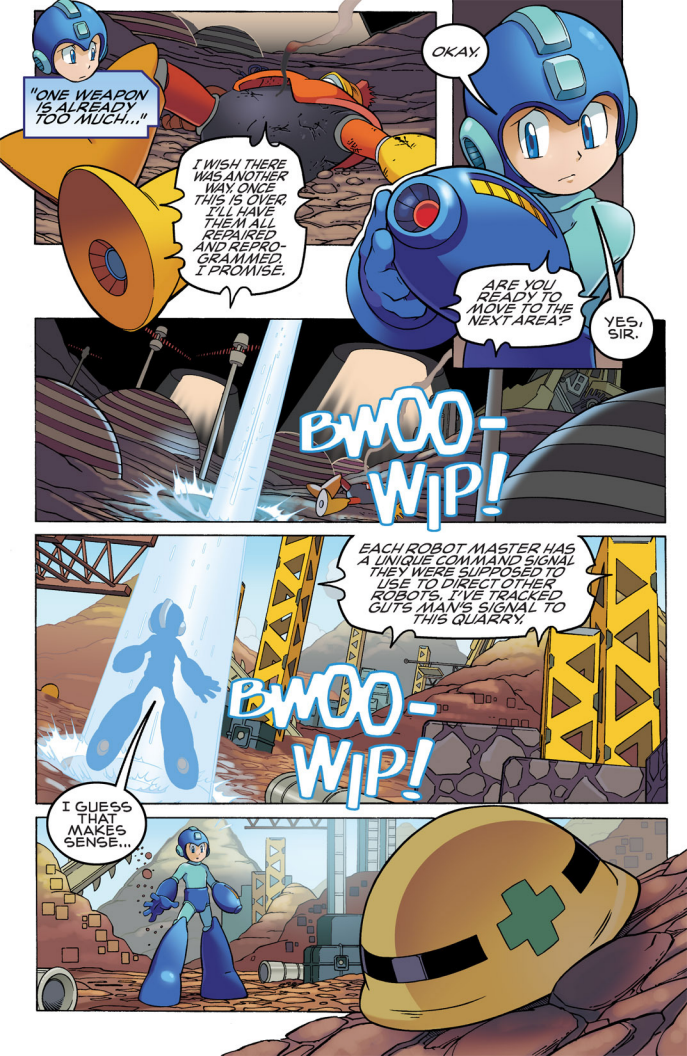

DOCTOR LIGHT! A BUNCH OF LITTLE ROBOTS ARE ATTACKING!
THOSE LOOK LIKE THE OLD FLEA MODELS. THEY WERE FAILED CROP PROTECTORS.
OW!
DOCTOR WILY MUST HAVE GOTTEN THEM WHOLESALE AND REPROGRAMMED THEM.
PLEASE STOP!
ROCK, I HATE IT AS MUCH AS YOU DO, BUT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIGHT SOME OF THESE ROBOTS...
AHH!
...EVEN DESTROY SOME.
WHAT IS THAT?!

BLUES?!
CAN IT BE?
DO YOU KNOW THIS ROBOT?
SHOULD I FIGHT IT?
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
IT...IT'S ONLY A SNIPER JOE. (HOW DID ALBERT GET AHOLD OF ONE?) THIS ONE IS DANGEROUS! TRY TO GET PAST IT!
OKAY!
I'M PICKING UP BOMB MAN'S LOCATION NEAR AN EXCAVATION SITE TO YOUR EAST. YOU'RE ALMOST THERE.
DOCTOR LIGHT?... DOCTOR LIGHT?
YES, ROLL?
YOU THOUGHT YOU RECOGNIZED THAT ROBOT. WHO IS "BLUES"...?
HE...IT'S NOT IMPORTANT NOW, ROLL.
LET'S FOCUS ON HELPING YOUR BROTHER!

BOMB MAN! HEY! IT'S ME, MEGA... ER, ROCK.
ROCK? LET ME CHECK MY DATA-BANKS...
CLANG
THE LITTLE HOUSE BOY AND LAB BUDDY, RIGHT?
RIGHT! THAT'S ME!
I LIKE YOUR LOOK, KID. NOT A BAD ENTRANCE, EITHER.
BUT IF YOU REALLY WANT TO MAKE AN IMPRES-SION...
...YOU'VE GOTTA ENTER WITH A BANG!
BOOM!
WHOA!!!
BOOM! BOOM!

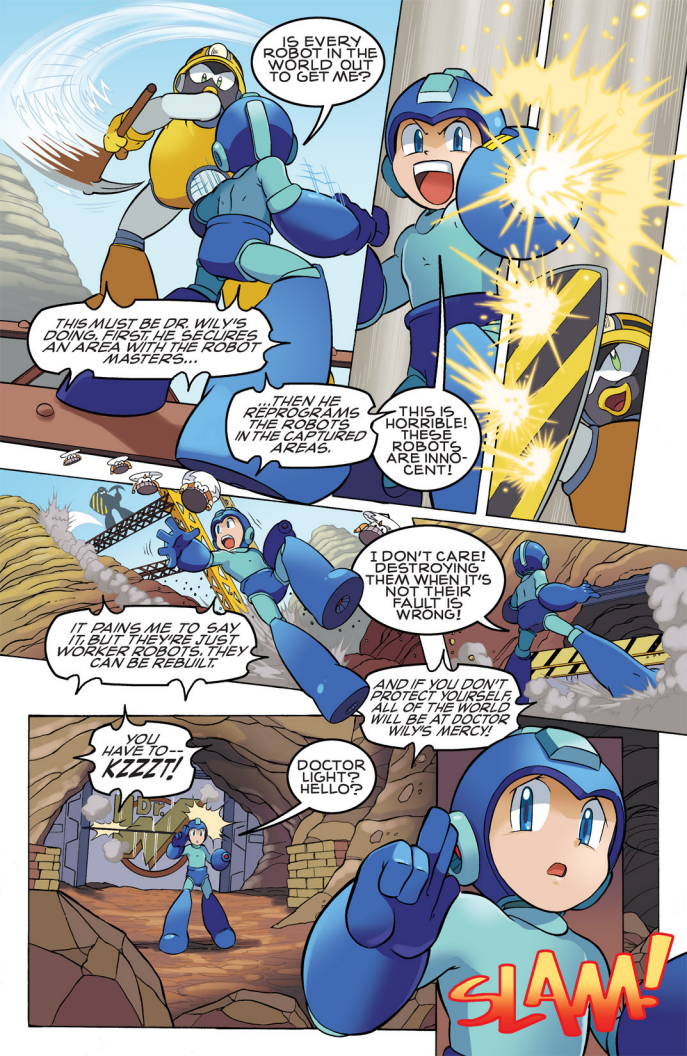
BOOM!
I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU!
THIS IS NO FIGHT! THIS IS A MASSACRE!
ROCK! YOU HAVE TO--!
I KNOW! I KNOW!
POP
POP
BLAMM!
THOOOMM
POP

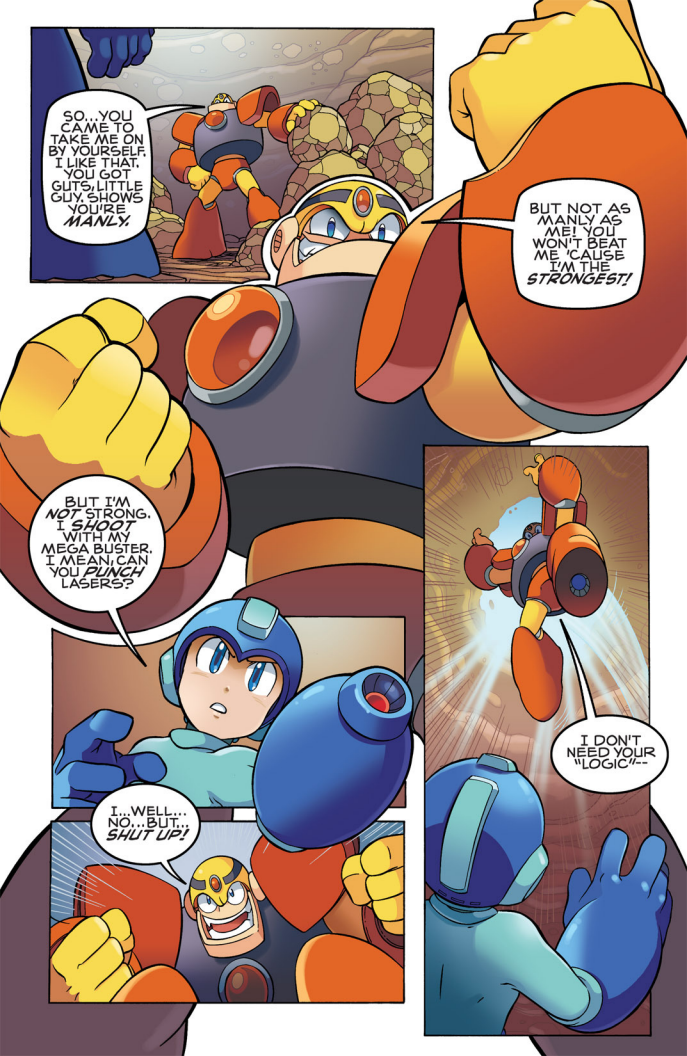
...I'M SORRY...
ALL RIGHT, NOW THAT HE'S DOWN, YOU NEED TO INTERFACE WITH HIM. A SIMPLE TOUCH WILL DO.
OKAY...
VERY GOOD. YOUR VARIABLE TOOL SYSTEM WILL NOW ACTIVATE, ALLOWING YOUR COPY CHIP TO REPLICATE HIS HYPER BOMBS.
SO... I CAN THROW BOMBS LIKE HIM NOW?
YOU CAN, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO SHUT OFF YOUR MEGA BUSTER. I'M AFRAID YOU CAN ONLY SUPPORT ONE WEAPON AT A TIME.


"ONE WEAPON IS ALREADY TOO MUCH..."
I WISH THERE WAS ANOTHER WAY. ONCE THIS IS OVER, I'LL HAVE THEM ALL REPAIRED AND REPROGRAMMED. I PROMISE.
OKAY.
ARE YOU READY TO MOVE TO THE NEXT AREA?
YES, SIR.
BWOO-
WIP!
EACH ROBOT MASTER HAS A UNIQUE COMMAND SIGNAL THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO USE TO DIRECT OTHER ROBOTS. I'VE TRACKED GUTS MAN'S SIGNAL TO THIS QUARRY.
BWOO-
WIP!
I GUESS THAT MAKES SENSE...

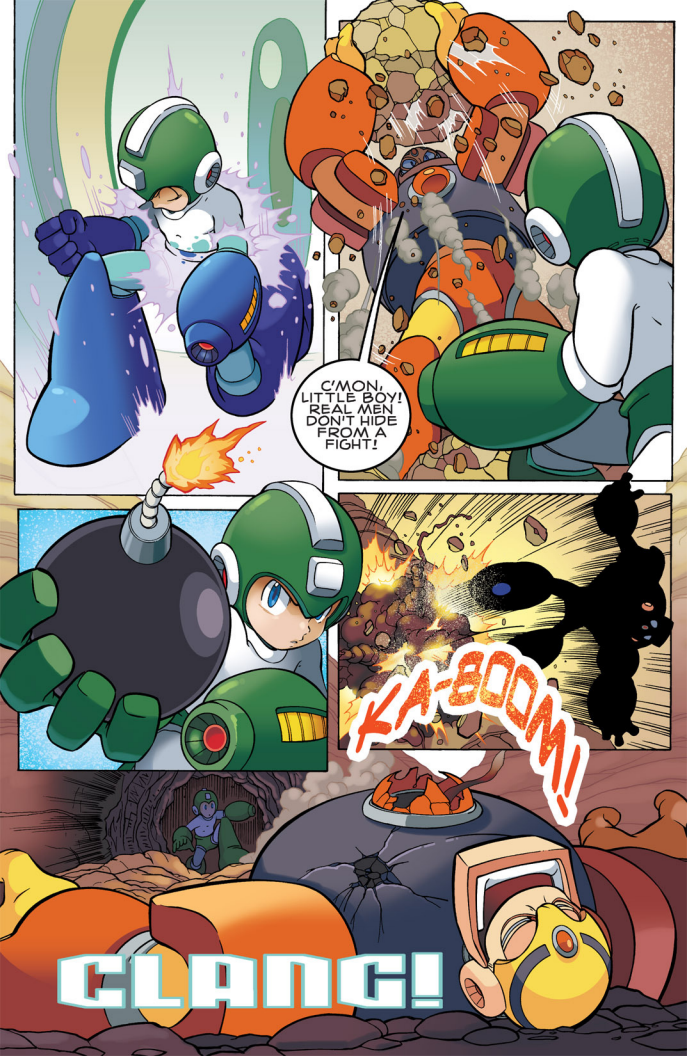
THIS MUST HAVE BELONGED TO A QUARRY WORKER.
I HOPE HE JUST DROPPED IT INSTEAD OF...
...WHAT?
AUGH!
PEW
PEW
PEW
RUN! IT'S AN AMBUSH!
AND WATCH FOR THE METTAUR!
THE WHA--
ACK!

WHO MAKES A HEAD-IN-A-HELMET ROBOT?
IT'S FROM A SERIES CALLED "METS."
THEY'RE MODULAR AND CAN BE MODIFIED OR ATTACHED TO A VARIETY OF--
OH, NO! THERE'S SOMEBODY STILL OUT HERE WORKING! HEY! HEY!
MISTER, YOU'VE GOT TO RUN! THIS PLACE IS FULL OF DANGEROUS...
...ROBOTS. YOU AGAIN?

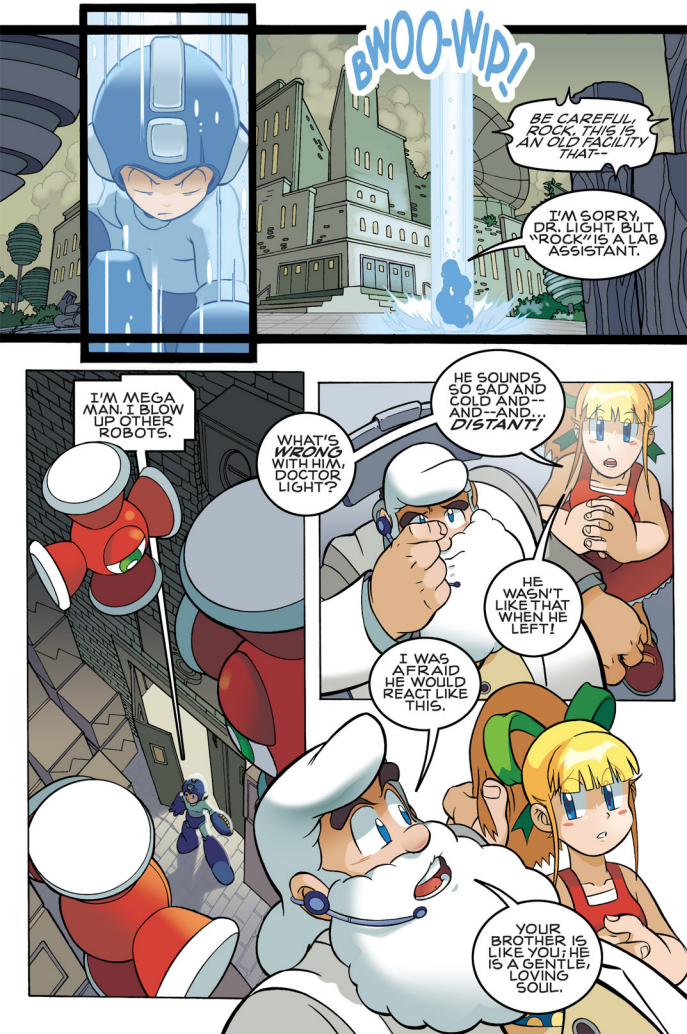

IS EVERY ROBOT IN THE WORLD OUT TO GET ME?
THIS MUST BE DR. WILY'S DOING. FIRST HE SECURES AN AREA WITH THE ROBOT MASTERS...
...THEN HE REPROGRAMS THE ROBOTS IN THE CAPTURED AREAS.
THIS IS HORRIBLE! THESE ROBOTS ARE INNOCENT!
I DON'T CARE! DESTROYING THEM WHEN IT'S NOT THEIR FAULT IS WRONG!
IT PAINS ME TO SAY IT, BUT THEY'RE JUST WORKER ROBOTS. THEY CAN BE REBUILT.
AND IF YOU DON'T PROTECT YOURSELF, ALL OF THE WORLD WILL BE AT DOCTOR WILY'S MERCY!
YOU HAVE TO--
KZZZT!
DOCTOR LIGHT? HELLO?
SLAM!

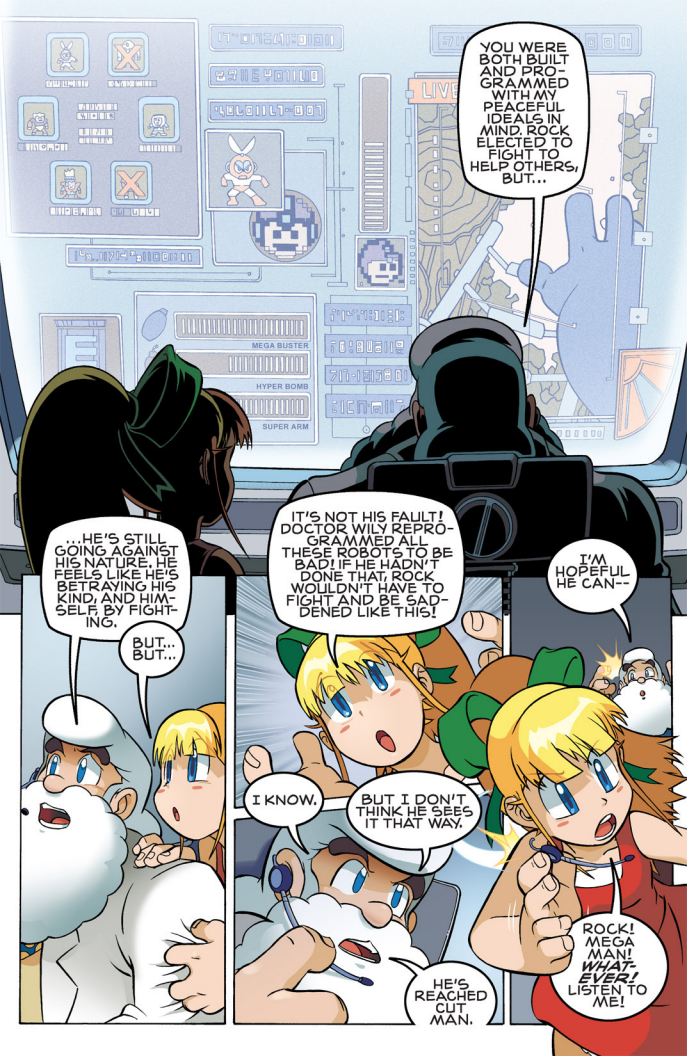

SO...YOU CAME TO TAKE ME ON BY YOURSELF. I LIKE THAT. YOU GOT GUTS, LITTLE GUY. SHOWS YOU'RE MANLY.
BUT NOT AS MANLY AS ME! YOU WON'T BEAT ME 'CAUSE I'M THE STRONGEST!
BUT I'M NOT STRONG. I SHOOT WITH MY MEGA BUSTER. I MEAN, CAN YOU PUNCH LASERS?
I DON'T NEED YOUR "LOGIC"--
I...WELL... NO...BUT... SHUT UP!

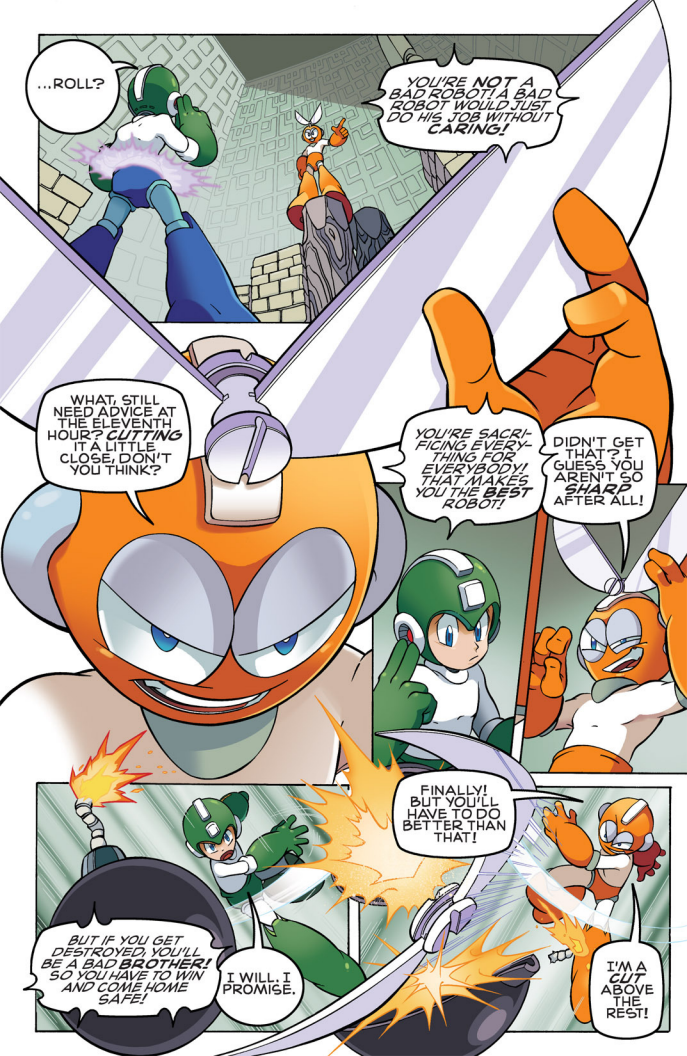
...'CAUSE MY HUGENESS IS SUPREME!
THOOM!
DON'T MAKE ME HURT YOU!
PEW!PEW!PEW!
PAH! WITH PUNY LASERS LIKE THAT?
MEN DON'T GO "PEW-PEW-PEW!"
MEN PUNCH-STOMP-CRUNCH!
OH-MAN-OH-MAN-OH-MAN! EVEN A FULLY-CHARGED SHOT WOULD PROBABLY ONLY TICKLE HIM! I'D NEED--
--SOMETHING LIKE THIS HYPER BOMB.
CRACK!


C'MON, LITTLE BOY! REAL MEN DON'T HIDE FROM A FIGHT!
KA-BOOM!
CLANG!

--DO YOU READ ME? THE HILL WAS BLOCKING THE SIGNAL! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
I'M NOT HURT. I'M COPYING GUTSMAN'S SUPER ARM NOW.
VERY GOOD. I'VE TRACKED CUT MAN TO--
THAT'S FINE. LET'S GO.
BWOO-WIP!
NO, THANK YOU. LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH.
ARE YOU SURE? DO YOU NEED TO RECHARGE FIRST, OR...?


BWOO-WIP!
BE CAREFUL, ROCK, THIS IS AN OLD FACILITY THAT--
I'M SORRY, DR. LIGHT, BUT "ROCK" IS A LAB ASSISTANT.
I'M MEGA MAN. I BLOW UP OTHER ROBOTS.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM, DOCTOR LIGHT?
HE SOUNDS SO SAD AND COLD AND-- AND--AND... DISTANT!
HE WASN'T LIKE THAT WHEN HE LEFT!
I WAS AFRAID HE WOULD REACT LIKE THIS.
YOUR BROTHER IS LIKE YOU; HE IS A GENTLE, LOVING SOUL.


YOU WERE BOTH BUILT AND PROGRAMMED WITH MY PEACEFUL IDEALS IN MIND. ROCK ELECTED TO FIGHT TO HELP OTHERS, BUT...
MEGA BUSTER
HYPER BOMB
SUPER ARM
I'M HOPEFUL HE CAN--
IT'S NOT HIS FAULT! DOCTOR WILY REPROGRAMMED ALL THESE ROBOTS TO BE BAD! IF HE HADN'T DONE THAT, ROCK WOULDN'T HAVE TO FIGHT AND BE SADDENED LIKE THIS!
...HE'S STILL GOING AGAINST HIS NATURE. HE FEELS LIKE HE'S BETRAYING HIS KIND, AND HIMSELF, BY FIGHTING.
BUT... BUT...
I KNOW.
BUT I DON'T THINK HE SEES IT THAT WAY.
HE'S REACHED CUT MAN.
ROCK! MEGA MAN! WHAT-EVER! LISTEN TO ME!


...ROLL?
YOU'RE NOT A BAD ROBOT! A BAD ROBOT WOULD JUST DO HIS JOB WITHOUT CARING!
WHAT, STILL NEED ADVICE AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR? CUTTING IT A LITTLE CLOSE, DON'T YOU THINK?
YOU'RE SACRIFICING EVERYTHING FOR EVERYBODY! THAT MAKES YOU THE BEST ROBOT!
DIDN'T GET THAT? I GUESS YOU AREN'T SO SHARP AFTER ALL!
FINALLY! BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO DO BETTER THAN THAT!
BUT IF YOU GET DESTROYED, YOU'LL BE A BAD BROTHER! SO YOU HAVE TO WIN AND COME HOME SAFE!
I WILL. I PROMISE.
I'M A CUT ABOVE THE REST!

NO MATTER HOW YOU SLICE IT...
...YOU JUST CAN'T MAKE THE CUT!
NO DICE, KID! I'M GONNA CUT YOU DOWN TO--
SLAM!
SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO CUT YOU OFF. HA...THAT WAS LAME.

VERY GOOD, MEGA MAN. WELL DONE.
I'VE GOT THE DATA FOR THE ROLLING CUTTER, DR. LIGHT.
AND ROLL ...?
YEAH?
THANKS. YOU REALLY HELPED ME FOCUS.
YAY! YOU'RE WELCOME!
THREE MORE ROBOT MASTERS TO GO, AND THEN IT'S ON TO TAKE DOWN DR. WILY!

HMPH. MY BRILLIANT CONQUEST SEEMS TO HAVE HIT A SNAG.
BLADER BRIGADE #47! RETRIEVE CUT MAN LIKE THE OTHERS AND BRING HIM HERE IMMEDIATELY!
IF YOU WANT TO STOP ME SO BADLY, LITTLE HELPER 'BOT, GO AHEAD. IF YOU CAN MAKE IT TO MY FORTRESS, I'LL GIVE YOU THE HONOR OF BEING DESTROYED BY ME PERSONALLY! HAHAHA HAHA!
YOU'RE NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET, MEGA MAN! COME BACK NEXT TIME AS MEGA MAN FACES THE ONE CHALLENGE YOU'D NEVER EXPECT!

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